

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - February 5, 2021

Message from the Superintendent

Scarborough Employees are Rock Stars

This week I would like to recognize the talents that come from our employees who have played an incredible role in making sure the learning continues with our students. We are forever grateful for the contribution and dedication of our Scarborough employees.

Notably, our teachers are teaching in the most challenging environment they could have imagined. I continue to hear the many stories of the amazing innovation and practices that have surfaced this school year by members of our families and at large our community members.

I appreciate our parents and community members with their resilience and patience during these unprecedented times. Your continued support knowing the ingenuity of all our employees has allowed us to explore existing resources and tools in new ways, and develop classroom practices that are new, and will continue to provide benefits as time goes on.

Without question we will continue to find hurdles as they present themselves during these times. Your support and encouragement to our employees has meant a lot and we appreciate you being their biggest cheerleader!

Sincerely,
Sanford Prince



News from the Board of Education

Introducing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

The board is proud to announce that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEI committee) has been approved, the members selected and climate survey work is underway. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, in collaboration with the Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium (MAEC), will promote the goal of diversity, equity and inclusion for all individuals in our school district regardless of their identity (ie race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status). Using this data, the committee will make recommendations to the board outlining next steps and they will monitor the progress of the action plan over time.

The board is grateful to those who applied to be part of the DEI committee. The thoughtful applications we received show great promise for the work to be done. Be on the lookout for updates from the DEI committee as they start their important work to create a welcoming and safe environment for all Scarborough students. Please reach out to the board with any questions that you may have at boe@scarboroughschools.org.



As people all over the country are excited to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday this weekend, a reminder that, while in the midst of a pandemic, we all keep in mind necessary distancing, mask, and gathering mandates and taking precautions to keep everyone safe. We are SO appreciative of school staffs and families in our community that have been diligent in efforts to follow guidelines, and these actions have resulted in relatively low positive cases in our school communities. A few friendly reminders as you plan ahead:

- Limit in-person gatherings only to people you live with.
- Consider hosting or attending virtual Super bowl celebrations.
- If the weather permits such, increase general ventilation by keeping windows and doors open.
- Avoid gatherings with elderly or those with various pre-existing health conditions.

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools
January 23 to February 5, 2021

Location	Total Case # in last 14 days	Total # Close Contacts identified
Blue Point School	0	0
Eight Corners School	0	0
Pleasant Hill School	0	0
Wentworth School	0	0
Scarborough Middle School	3	43
Scarborough High School	4	3
District (non-school)	0	0
TOTAL	7	46

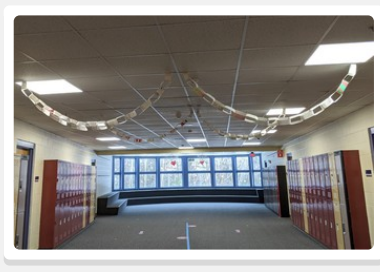
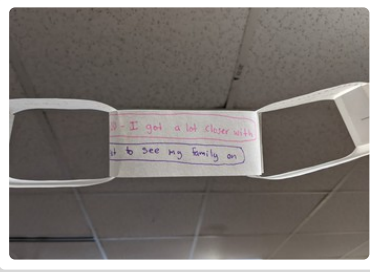


2021-2022 Kindergarten Pre-Registration

We are eager to welcome our newest Kindergarten students to Scarborough Public Schools! We are currently planning for Fall 2021 and will be able to release more information about what school will look like later this spring. If you have a child who turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2021 and you are considering sending them to school in the fall, [please complete this form](#). Formal registration packets will be available on our website at a later date.

The information you provide is important for us to accurately plan for the number of classrooms, teachers and materials we will need in the fall. Please complete the form so we can contact you through email with updates and news about the 2021-2022 school year as the situation evolves and decisions are made. We will hold registration appointments at each school later in the Spring.

[2021-2022 Pre-Registration Form](#)



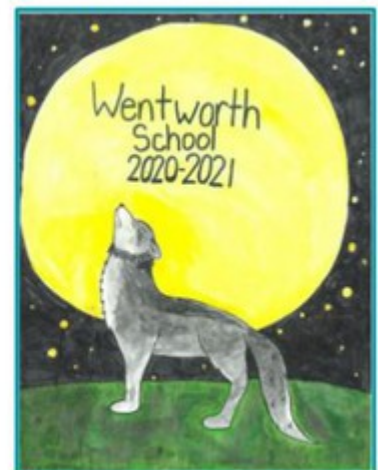
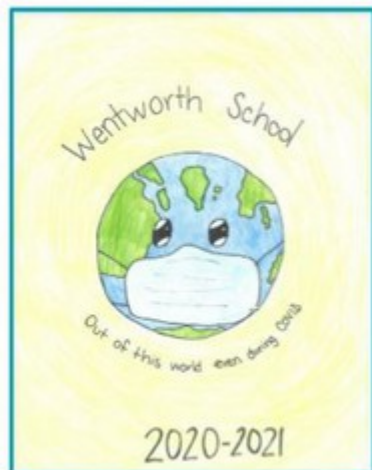
The seventh grade wing at Scarborough Middle School is decorated with links of positivity. Students wrote statements of gratitude on slips of paper and then linked them together to form collective statements of positivity.

In Case You Missed It:

Parent Resources from Maine Department of Education: [DOE Parent Resources](#)

Reviews and Information for Parents on Navigating All Media: [Common Sense Media](#)

Video Conference Expectations: [Important Family Letter regarding Google Meet](#)



This past month students at Wentworth participated in a yearbook cover drawing contest. There were over 150 students who participated and submitted a drawing and teacher votes narrowed it down to 10 finalists. Then the students voted and these are the top 3 drawings. These will be printed as the front, back and the title page in the 20-21 Wentworth yearbook.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Revised School Calendar](#)

- **February 5** - Parent/Community Climate Surveys Due
- **February 5** - Maine Teacher of the Year Nominations Due
- **February 15** - Presidents' Day
- **February 15 - 19** - School Vacation
- **February 25** - School Board Workshop

Images from Scarborough Middle School:



Fully Remote Preparedness Plans

Linked [here](#), you will find an overview to Scarborough Public Schools Fully Remote Preparedness Plan, which was shared with the School Board at their December 3, 2020 meeting. Although our goal is to maintain in person learning to the greatest extent possible, there needs to be adequate staffing to facilitate in person learning.



Health & Safety

Please make sure you review [the UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment](#) questions EVERY DAY before sending your child off to school.


TOGETHER, we can make our schools as safe as possible!

COVID-19

Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance


Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever (100.4 and above*) or used any fever reducing medicine?

YES =




Do you feel sick with any of the most common symptoms of Covid, had vomiting/diarrhea, or felt unwell? (see symptom list to the right)

YES =




Have you been a close contact of a person with Covid in the past 14 days?

YES =



Have you traveled outside of the state in the past 14 days?


YES =



Contact Your School

Stay home with any YES response to the questions above OR with two or more of the "less common" symptoms listed to the right.

Attend school when all answers are NO and your child is feeling well with no other symptoms of illness. Call or see your school nurse or other designated person at school if you have questions.

updated 10.9.20 

Most Common Symptoms of Covid 19:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fever (100.4°F/ 38 °C or greater)*
Chills
Sore throat
New loss of taste or smell

Less Common Symptoms:

Muscle pain
Nausea or Vomiting
Diarrhea
Fatigue
Headache
Congestion/runny nose

*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).

Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Alison Marchese, amarchese@scarboroughschools.org
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Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to techsupport@scarboroughschools.org and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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